

**ANDERSON ISLAND FERRY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

This ferry committee meeting was called to cover some still outstanding ferry issues.

Attendance: Members of AICAB plus guests from Pierce County and, Hornblower Marine Services—as well as representatives from Ketron Island--were present. A quorum was verified

Call to Order: Chair David Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was observed.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as written.

Approval & Adoption of Minutes: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes from the August 22nd and September 5th ferry committee meetings.

Introduction:

Toby Rickman introduced the new ferry administrator, Randy Rogers. Randy attended the US Naval War College, and has 20 years of experience at the US Maritime Administration, the Washington State Ferries, the Waukegan Port District and is now here as the Airport and Ferry Administrator for Pierce County. He will devote 80% of his time to ferry issues and 20% of his time as backup for airport issues. A new administrator will focus 80% on airport issues and 20% as backup for ferry issues.

Ferry Report:

Anne-Marie Marshall-Dody gave a status report on continuing issues, as follows: there are still issues with the new loading guidelines; County is still working on new lane stripping issues; new signage will be addressed soon; working on parking lot improvements on the AI side (adjusting lighting, lanes, stripping) on a federal time line; and new cameras are expected within the next month. Notifications will improve and be more timely via the county Communication Manager.

Anne-Marie noted that in 2020 the current GPS ferry tracker software goes away. New cameras will be placed by vessel watch to track the ferry's position. Anne-Marie said that transitions communications will be ongoing throughout 2020. The ferry contract will be put out for bid and be redrawn by 2021.

Discussion:

Dave Albertson requested island input on camera placement. Jim Cook requested that the AI camera focused down on the lines and parking lot for security.

Heather Rankos requested that Ketron have their own specific guidelines for ferry loading etc. Steve Caputo of Hornblower agrees. Ferry employees will be told that they must know and follow the loading rules.

The county will coordinate with the Steilacoom Police and the Sheriff's office.

Addressing extra drop-off/pickup issues are ongoing.

There was discussion about the training for the ferry crews. 12 hours "on the water" is allowed per crew, so while daytime training is easier, the crews still also need to have nighttime training.

Conversations are ongoing with the school district regarding schedules. The school district is on the ferry alert system.

Other Business:

The dock needs a new part, which will hopefully be done by late spring. This will disrupt service, so all parties will need as much notice as possible.

The MacNeil Island barge may possibly be used for walk-on traffic in an emergency.

Adjournment: It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting.